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FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 568
AMEMBASSY ATHENS
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 9299

DEPT FOR ASY AND ABFO
ATHENS FOR RSO
BEIRUT FOR RTC

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC ABLD
SUBJ: SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

REF: A. TEL AVIV 9077, B. ATHENS 7859, C. BEIRUT 13110,
D. STATE 223828, E. STATE 223667

FOR DEPARTMENT

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES SUGGESTION RE USE MYLAR OF WHICH EMBASSY NOT PREVIOUSLY AWARE. AS EMBASSY DOES NOT HAVE MANPOWER UNDERTAKE INSTALLATION AT THIS TIME OWING MOBILIZATION OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES, EMBASSY REQUESTING USIS TRAINING FILM FOR SHOWING TO LOCAL CONTRACTOR. WILL ADVISE SOONEST WITH ESTIMATED COST MATERIALS AND LABOR.

2. GALVANIZED CROSS BARS AND STAINLESS FITTINGS MENTIONED PARA 2 OF TEL AVIV'S 9077 INSTALLED NOVEMBER 9.

3. SAME CONTRACTOR NOW AVAILABLE COMMENCE PROJECTS MENTIONED IN PARAS 6 AND 7 OF TEL AVIV'S 9077. MATERIAL AVAILABLE LOCALLY. DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL
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AND AUTHORIZATION THESE PROJECTS REQUESTED.

FOR ATHENS

4. REFERENCE LOCATION MSG DESK, THE EMBASSY CONTEMPLATES NO RPT NO CHANGE IN LOCATION. ACCORDINGLY, EMBASSY AWAITING ESTIMATES OF COST OF PLANS AS SUBMITTED BY RTC. THE REASON FOR RETAINING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED LOCATION IS PROXIMITY TO AND CONTROL OVER ENTRANCE DOORWAY TO CITIZENSHIP UNIT OPPOSITE RIGHT END OF DESK WHERE SIGN-IN BOOKS WILL BE LOCATED. IN ADDITION, THE MSG DESK CONTROLS ACCESS TO STAIRWELL AND ELEVATOR BANK LEADING TO UPPER AND LOWER FLOORS. OF GREATEST IMPORTANCE THE DESK LOCATION IS BUT A FEW STEPS FROM THE SLAM GATE (STEEL GRILL FLOOR TO CEILING) WHICH PREVENTS ACCESS TO THE STAIRWELL AND ELEVATORS.

FOR BEIRUT

5. AS POINTED OUT BY THE EMBASSY PRIOR TO INSTALLATION, THE ATTENDANT EXCESSIVE SEASIDE DAMPNESS AND CORROSIVE SALT-LADEN AIR AFFECTS OPERATION OF THE CCTV. PROBLEMS HAVE ARISEN. THE EMBASSY CONSIDERS ONE MINOR IN NATURE, E.G., REMOVAL OF SALT FROM FACE OF CAMERA BY USING WINDEX THRICE WEEKLY. HOWEVER, THE CORROSIVE ACTION HAS AFFECTED THE MOBILITY OF THE CAMERA AND HAS ATTACKED THE WIRING. AT PRESENT, ANTI-CORROSION MAINTENANCE OF CAMERA MOVING PARTS BEING PROVIDED BY COMMUNICATIONS PERSONNEL. WHEN RTCO NEXT HERE, HOPE HE WILL UPGRADE ANTI-CORROSION COVER AND IMPORVE INSULATION OF WIRES. THEREAFTER, EMBASSY MAINTENANCE PERSONNEL CAN HANDLE. DESPITE CORROSIVE ACTION AND DAILY SALT DEPOSIT ON CAMERA LENS FACING, EMBASSY PREFERS RETENTION CCTV PRESENT LOCATION WHICH PROVIDES MSG WITH VIEW ENTIRE FENCE ALONG AUDITORIUM ROOM AS WELL AS ALLEY PASSAGEWAY TO HYARKON STREET. EMBASSYE DOES NOT SEE NEED TO MOVE CCTV TO THE THIRD FLOOR AREA. AS PRESENT NIGHT LIGHTING OF FENCE IS NOT ENOUGH FOR CCTV NEEDS, CONFIDENTIAL

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EMBASSY DETERMINING EXTENT ADDITIONAL LIGHTING NECESSARY. REQUEST FOR FUNDS THIS PURPOSE WILL BE FORWARDED TO DEPARTYMENT IN FEW DAYS.

6. VIEW FOREGOING, PRESENCE SEABEES FOR ABOVE PROJECTS NOT NECESSARY. WHEN ALUMINUM ARMOR, SUBJECT STATE 223677, RECEIVED, ADDRESSEES WILL BE NOTIFIED AND PREFERRED SCHEDULE FOR SEABEE

INSTALLATION TEL AVIV PROVIDED.
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